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1. SYG WALDHEIM EXPLORED WITH ME IN CONVERSATION TODAY
IDEA OF MERGING CANADIAN UNEF LOGISTICS UNIT WITH
POLES TO FORM COMBINED UNIT. HE ALLEGED THIS WAS
BEING PUT FORWARD BY CANADS AND A POSS COMPROMISE TO
WARD OFF ANGRY SOV REACTION TO SELECTION OF CANADA
FOR LOGISTICS ROLE.

2. IM IMMEDIATELY REJECTED ANY SUCH COMBINATION, SAYING
IT WLD REPRESENT UNNATURAL WEDLOCK OF EFFICIENT,
EXPERIENCED CANADS WITH POLES WHO WOULD BE MORE
INTERESTED IN FUNCTIONS BESIDES UNEF'S EFFICIENCY.

3. WALDHEIM THEN BACKED AWAY, TAKING POSITION HE
HAD HEARD THIS ONLY AS A POSSIBLE "RUMOR".

4. I URGED HIM STAND FIRM ON HIS DESIGNATION OF
CANADS FOR THIS ROLE DESPITE SOV OBJECTIONS
ON GROUNDS THAT HE HAD DESIGNATED CANADS WITHOUT
PROTEST FROM SOVS SAT NIGHT, RECONFIRMED IT MON IN
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HIS OFFICIAL REPORT, AND HAD DRAWN NO SOV BLAST

UNTIL TODAY.

5. I CHECKED WITH CANAD AMB RAE AFTERWARD TO INQUIRE WHETHER RUMOR WAS TRUE. RAE VIGOROUSLY DENIED CANADS HAD PROPOSED OR WOULD EVEN CONSIDER COMBINING WITH POLES. CANADA WAS INTERESTED ONLY IN PROVIDING ITS OWN FORCES WHICH HAVE SUBSTANTIAL PEACEKEEPING AND LOGISTICS EXPERIENCE AND CLD NOT SEE ANY CONCEIVABLE BENEFIT IN COMBINING WITH POLISH UNIT. HE REPORTED HE HAD HEARD THIS "RUMOR" TOO BUT THAT IT ORIGINATED IN UN SECRETARIAT.

6. COMMENT: SUSPECT IDEA IS SOV ONE URGED BY MALIK ON SYG WHO WAS IN TURN SEEKING TO GET MY APPROVAL TO LESSEN CRITICISM OF SYG FOR CANAD CHOICE.
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